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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1636**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/297,092  
Applicant : Michael PAULISTA et al  
Filed : May 18, 1999  
TC/A.U. : 1636  
Examiner : Sumesh Kaushal

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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

May 26, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office action of October 1, 2003 and the Advisory  
Action of May 3, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins  
on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.